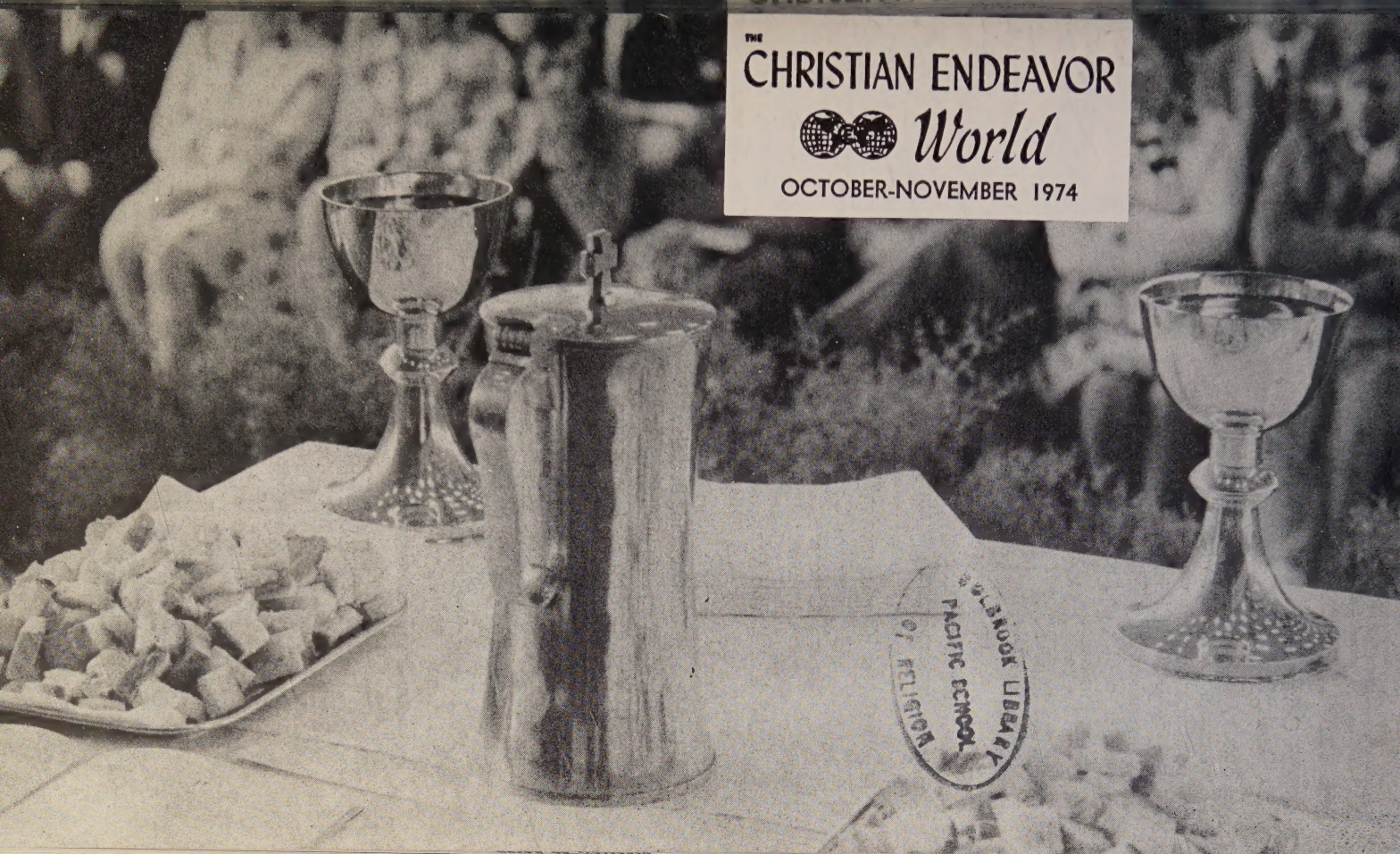

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The common cup was used at the Sunday morning communion service in Essen, Germany, when over 9,000 participated. This was a highlight of the World's Christian Endeavor Convention July 24-28. More convention photos and reports on pages 3-6 of this issue.

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Together—for Christ

"Whatever we strive to do, we do it better if we do it together."

This remark of a seasoned advisor of societies of Christian Endeavor might be considered a working principal of our movement. And the Christian Church in total is a product of worship and work by *more than one.*

One of Christ's great promises has to do with *more than one* (Matthew 18:20). The first missionary task undertaken by a few faithful converts, recorded in Mark 6, was to set out by twos to carry the message of repentance, faith, and healing to places that Jesus Himself did not visit.

Luke 10:1-20 reports the mission of seventy of the faithful, thirty-five teams of twos. Like the smaller number who had pioneered in such witness and work, these also "returned with joy" because of the results.

We do not know today how converts were paired for these missionary expeditions. One could suppose that a believer who had known Christ longer was frequently the partner of one newly won to Him. Such an arrangement is common in Christian Endeavor action, and usually it works well. —*B.H.D.*

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July 24-28

ESSEN 1974

The 17th World's Convention in Retrospect

Endeavorers from many countries around the world met July 24-28 in Essen, Germany, for the World's Christian Endeavor Convention. Reports indicate this gathering will have great impact around the world.

Here are some of the things they're saying.

Cayman Islands

Oswell M. Rankine from George Town, Grand Cayman, says, "It was indeed a tremendous blessing to have been a part of the recent Christian Endeavor Convention in Essen."

He concludes, "My deepest impressions were those of the German Endeavorers. The SINCERITY and DEEP CONVICTIONS with which they progress struck me in an extremely emotional manner. I wished very often that many of my fellow Endeavorers were present to witness."

Canada

From Canada Clyde Sherk, vice-president of the World's Union, comments: "On the closing evening of the convention Rev. Arno Pagel of Germany was installed as president of the World's Union. Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder of the movement, served from 1895 until his death in 1927; Dr. Daniel A. Poling served for 35 years; and Dr. Clyde W. Meadows served from 1962 to 1974. Endeavorers around the world are indebted to Dr. Meadows for his outstanding leadership so generously given to this worldwide movement for the past 12 years."

The secretary of the Canadian Union, Mrs. Weston Sararus, reported:

" 'O for a thousand tongues to sing My Great Redeemer's praise.' These words penned by Charles Wesley came alive in Essen. To be one of the 1,000 overseas delegates raising their voices in song with approximately 9,000 people at the 17th World's Christian Endeavor Convention will be a long-remembered experience. Language barriers, baggage and transportation problems were forgotten as the music of the beloved hymns of the church filled the great Gruga Hall."

California

Harold Holstein, editor of LOS ANGELES COUNTY C. E. NEWS, in an article in that publication includes the following report:

"The convention was bilingual: the languages used were English and German. There were workshop sections held in various languages, but in the main sessions only the two languages were used. If the speaker used Eng-

FEEDING 5,000 — or maybe even 7,000 or more — required mountains of brown bread and sausage and miles of tables, the "stand and eat" variety.

lish, there was sentence-by-sentence or phrase-by-phrase translation into German, and vice versa. The bilingual arrangement caused some problems, but it was also interesting to sing 'Welch ein Fruend ist unser Jesus . . .' ('What a Friend We Have in Jesus').

"The convention was well organized. There are always problems of one type or another when there is a gathering of 9,000 people. But the convention committees seemed well prepared to remedy the situation. No small feat was the arranging for 3 meals a day for more than 4,000 delegates from approximately 30 countries for whom they had provided accommodations. (Even to supplying white bread for the 'English-speaking people who do not like the dark German bread'!)

"And when the program said a session started at 1930 (7:30 p.m.), it started at 1930.

"There were two outstanding speakers who came through with clear, dynamic messages, in spite of the translation impediment. They were Dr. W. Stanley Mooneyham president of World Vision, Inc., who spoke on Saturday evening, and Rev Ulrich Parzany of Essen, Germany who spoke in the Sunday morning worship service."

Mr. Holstein commented that German Christian Endeavor is different from that in the United States, a difference mainly in emphasis. "The German 'E. C. Verband' has evangelism as its primary purpose, with very little attention given to leadership training," was his observation. "On Thursday evening they recognized

AUSTERITY HOUSING at low cost was provided for youth delegates, who stayed in schools or halls, using air mattresses. Although there were no showers available for the girls, there was plenty of togetherness!

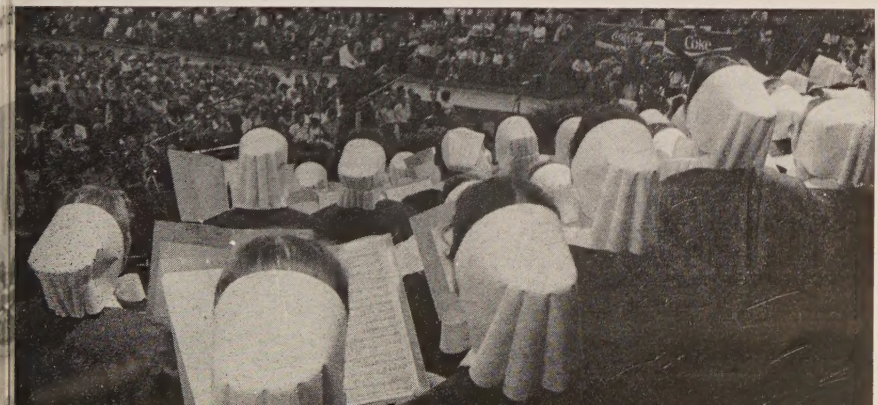
Sights and Sounds

Essen was a musical convention!

The German youth choir in colorful dress (above) and the brass "posaunenchor" provided a variety of musical numbers for each convention session. Musical groups from many other countries also sang.

At the closing Sunday evening service the singing of the deaconess choir of more than 70 sisters from various Motherhouses was a thrilling climax to the convention music.

The new World's Union president, Rev. Arno Pagel (upper right with bullhorn), continues as president of the German Union. German Endeavorers held several special sessions in lieu of their annual convention usually held at the end of July and also held street meetings and provided opportunities of witnessing for German-speaking delegates.



the 50th anniversary of the German Tent Mission, recounting the history, recognizing in the meeting the one remaining founder of that activity, and putting on a typical tent-meeting program — a definite, Christ-centered message, with an opportunity for a decision for Christ. Beside the Tent Mission ('E-C Zeltmission') there is work in northeast Batavia with door-to-door canvassing and witnessing, with another tent mission involved. And in Kassel Christian Endeavor has its own publishing house, printing books (Christian novels, biographies, etc.), song books, posters, and other materials."

Pennsylvania

Hazel Brieg of Philadelphia comments: "The service I enjoyed the most was the communion service held on Sunday morning. There was a great crowd present. It took a long time to serve so many people and we sang hymns from memory as we waited. The Germans sang hymns that I recognized — 'Blessed Assurance' and 'What a Friend We Have in Jesus' and the English-speaking people sang 'The Old Rugged Cross' and 'Holy, Holy, Holy.' Where else in the world could you find such comradeship except among Christians? We were many people speaking in many tongues, but we were united in one cause, our love for Christ and our belief in His Resurrection. Would that all men knew Him! The work for Christian Endeavor did not end with the convention; it is only beginning anew."

Oregon

The first vice-president of the Oregon Union, Joni Winchell of Portland, says, "First of all, I loved the people. Even though we could not all speak the same language, we could sing together, laugh together, gesture to each other, and pray together to the same God. We all love the same Lord Jesus. The Germans were real friendly. We seldom ate a meal without one German coming and talking to us. We found that a German dictionary came in quite handy at times. It was while we were waiting for our meals and eating that we had the best chance to visit with others."

In Joni's opinion the meals were "pretty bad." She describes them thus: "Our breakfasts and dinners consisted of 1 dark, heavy bread, 1 cube of butter, cheese, jam, raw lunchmeat, and tea or coffee. Our lunch had potatoes, sausage, bean soup, bread, a nut jello, and coffee or tea."

Ireland

Hannah Holmes of Ireland also commented about the meals. "For the evening meal (Wednesday) we had our first experience of queueing which was to continue each meal time during the convention. Still, serving thousands of people is no easy matter. Needless to say, there was no choice of menu, and if the tables with seats were all occupied, it was a case of 'standing room only' (with higher tables to make eating easier!)."

REV. ARNO PAGEL serving at the communion table.

PORTLAND PREPARES

The 53rd International Christian Endeavor Convention will be held June 30 - July 4 in Portland, Oregon.

Convention activities will center in Lewis and Clark College, where delegates will be housed. An inclusive "package plan" will be announced soon.

Convention features, in addition to evening mass meetings and morning Quiet Hours and conferences, include special assemblies each day; rap sessions, a coffeehouse, and adult activities each night; an early morning communion service; special events for Juniors, including a convention all day Friday; official business meetings of the Board of Trustees and Corporation of the International Society; sight-seeing tours; afternoon recreation; and special meetings of various delegations.

Local Committee at Work

Raymond L. Pulsifer, Sr., the vice-president of the International Society in charge of the Pacific Region, has been named general chairman of the Portland Convention Committee, which is organized and meeting regularly to make local preparations to host this convention.

Timothy J. Kribs, chairman of the Educational Committee of the International Society, is associate chairman. Vice-chairmen include Richard Winchell, who has special responsibility for arrangements; Mrs. Etta V. Berger, hospitality; Herald Haskell, public relations; Dorothy R. Grover, registrations; and Robert E. Howard, special activities. Dorothy Howard is secretary and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Raz are handling the treasurer's duties. Many subcommittees have been appointed and great plans are being made to offer Oregon hospitality to those who will attend from across North America.

Program Plans

Chairman of the Portland Program Committee is Rev. Roger D. Vander Kolk of Michigan. Others on the committee are Rev. Donald J. Herbison (Canada), Rev. David G. Jackson (Indiana), Timothy J. Kribs and Raymond L. Pulsifer, Sr. (Oregon); Rev. William S. Ryan (Pennsylvania); Mrs. Emmie F. Smith (D. C.); Dr. LaVerne H. Boss (Michigan), International Society president; Jane A. Snow (Illinois), associate president; and the Staff from Columbus, Ohio — Rev. Charles W. Barner and Phyllis I. Rike.

STEPPED-UP ACTIVITY is the order of the day for these members of the Portland Committee, who meet regularly to plan for the 1975 Convention. At right in upper photo is Raymond L. Pulsifer, Sr., general chairman; Timothy J. Kribs, associate chairman, is third from left.

TYPICAL of the uses made of the special Christian Endeavor material prepared by the Tennessee Union are these three attractive dresses worn by (from left) Phyllis G. Brown and Barbara J. Dority, both of Virginia, and Lynn M. McKnight, Tennessee. Arch J. McQuilkin of Pennsylvania was the banquet toastmaster.

International Society Board Holds Annual Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the International Society met October 10-13 at the Shrine Center for Renewal in Columbus, Ohio. A number of related meetings were held, including the Educational Committee, Finance Committee, 1975 Nominating Committee, Portland Program Committee, and Executive Committee.

Under the revised Bylaws of the International Society, the Board of Trustees is a representative body which meets annually and has oversight of the program and finances. The Board combines usual business functions with the program responsibilities previously handled by the Executives' Program Council which usually met in early December.

The Board meeting began with a get-acquainted fellowship hour Thursday afternoon, followed by a devotional period led by Bishop Herbert D. Wittmaier of the Evangelical Congregational Church.

Business sessions were interspersed with Bible study, singing, and special presentations.

Two sessions on "The Communication Process" were led by Dr. Armin Langholz, professor of speech at Capital University, Columbus, Ohio.

A fellowship highlight of the sessions was the Banquet Friday evening with Arch J. McQuilkin as MC. Music was led by Daniel Kopp and Steven Thompson. Oregon Endeavorers followed the theme "Get Oregonized for '75" and urged Endeavorers to come to Portland next year for the International Convention.

Special interest groups which met included youth, union presidents, and union field, general, and executive secretaries.

Since the delegates were housed and ate meals as well as met at the Shrine Center, which is a retreat house, there were many opportunities for informal fellowship. A special Fireside Fellowship Saturday night

YOUTH MEET Bishop Herbert D. Wittmaier at the Board sessions. Getting to know the bishop of the Evangelical Congregational Church are Pat Wolfe of Pennsylvania and Daniel Kopp of Ohio.

"GREATS" of the International Society include these four leaders; (from left) Dr. LaVerne H. Boss of Michigan has served as president since 1971; the three living past presidents are Arch J. McQuilkin, Pennsylvania, 1963-67; Elwood Dunn, Michigan, 1967-71; and Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, 1959-63.

led by Rev. David G. Jackson was a period of sharing.

Another high point was the communion service Sunday morning. An offering of $52.39 was taken for the work of the World's Union. Two offerings for the International Society amounted to $122.28.

Significant Decisions

In addition to hearing reports of activities of officers and committees since the special Board meeting at the end of 1973, a number of important actions were taken.

On recommendation of the Educational Committee it was determined that the new helps for societies will continue to be provided without charge and will be called Junior and Youth Resource Packets. Beginning in July 1975 they will be mailed three times a year, rather than quarterly; new mailing dates will be July, November, and March. It was also agreed that binders called "Resource Manual" with a modern design and index tab dividers will be produced and will be available for sale by the Portland Convention.

The financial position of the International Society was reviewed and a 1975 Budget adopted. In addition to membership gifts and Roll Call contributions, a major source of anticipated income next year will be dinner meetings. This project is under the direction of Frances M. Becker of Philadelphia.

During the sessions Michele Saunders presented the International Society with a check for $50 which came from the sale of her book of poems; she also donated a supply of books for which any gifts went to the International Society.

The Bible Reading Program will be continued in 1975, with copies of THE WAY being provided to persons of any age who make a gift of $4 to the International Society.

The Board of Trustees will hold its next regular meeting October 9 - 12, 1975, in Columbus, Ohio. A special meeting will be held July 2 in Portland, Oregon.

The Search Is On!

The search is beginning for a new Christian Endeavor song. Through the years many songs have been written and used by Endeavorers which tell of the movement and its principles and purposes, but none in recent years has met with general popularity and usefulness.

Songwriters, here's your opportunity! Send your efforts to Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus.

NEWS

North Carolina

Rev. Hugh Hoyle of North Wilkesboro has has been elected president of the North Carolina Union for 1974-75.

Mr. Hoyle is pastor of the First Pentecostal Holiness Church of North Wilkesboro. He will soon receive his Master's degree in English at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He has taught a course in Bible at Northwest Guilford High School.

Mr. Hoyle, a native North Carolinian, is the son of Rev. and Mrs. E. T. Hoyle of Virginia, former Greensboro residents.

Walk-A-Thon for Honduras

The Adult Society of Grace United Brethren Church, Sherkston, Ontario, organized a Walk-A-Thon November 2 to help victims of Hurricane Fifi in Honduras. Approximately 25 participated; the youngest was 3-year-old Darren Mills who accompanied his mother, Mrs. Ron Mills, on his tricycle.

Top money earner was society president Mrs. Loma Doan, who reported $290; vice-president Ruth Benner was a close second with $250.

Participants selected a 5 or 10 mile walk and enlisted sponsors who pledged an amount of money for each mile walked. Refreshments were served at check points and at the church. Approximately $1,300 was raised.

The Missionary Committee, Mrs. Beulah Beach and Olive Weaver, organized and directed the project. Rev. Larry Beverly is pastor.

SICE

SICE stands for the new Solomon Islands Christian Endeavor Union, which was formed in 1970 with the help of three leaders from Australia. This group, grown to 40 societies, held its first national convention August 9-12. Japhlet Ofea, who attended the World Evangelization Congress in Switzerland this July, was one of the speakers. Joash Waihura is president and Timothy Laesanau is secretary and treasurer.

New British Headquarters

The Christian Endeavor Union of Great Britain and Ireland has acquired property at Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, for its headquarters, formerly located in Hounslow, Middlesex.

The new property consists of some 30 rooms and was formerly an AA/RAC hotel. In addition to housing the union's offices, it will provide spacious committee/conference rooms with residential accommodations for up to 25 people, as well as a flat for the general secretary's family.

1974-76 Finance Committee

President LaVerne H. Boss recently announced the appointment of the following Finance Committee for the 1974-76 term: James L. Gaupp, chairman; Eugene G. Alhart (New York); Mozelle Dick (North Carolina); Dr. Clyde W. Meadows (Pennsylvania); Charles C. Meek (Texas); Dr. Daniel K. Poling (New York); and Bruce J. Vliek (Ohio).

Mr. Gaupp, who has been chairman since 1972, is district manager

for Williams & Co. He began his Christian Endeavor activities when a youth in Pennsylvania and met his wife Betty at a convention in Hershey. He credits his Christian Endeavor training for helping him in his career.

Ontario Family Day

On October 19, 150 Ontario Endeavorers utilized the new facilities of Roseville United Brethren Church for a "first" for the Ontario Society, its Family Day. Leaders included Ken Benner, Oliver Benner, Earl Plato, Rev. C. Keith Nicholson, and Ian Waldron. Nancy Stephenson was responsible for the program; local arrangements were directed by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thomas, Marilyn Perrin, and Dan Litwiller. Host pastor was Rev. Ray Zimmerman, past president of the Ontario Union.

Lawn Market Raises Funds

Endeavorers of the Reformed Church of Woodstock, New York, held a lawn market October 12 and raised $204 to help support Christian Endeavor. Adding money from the group's treasury, gifts of $150 each were sent to the New York State Union and the International Society.

This society had a delegation of 21 at the Essen Convention and is now corresponding with six German Endeavorers. Sponsors are Paul and Dorothy Haeussler.

Caroline Islands Growth

Rev. Shem Jimmy, president of the Caroline Islands Union, reports that materials for Christian Endeavor are in great demand. He states, "I have Christian Endeavor groups in all of our 23 churches here, numbering from 60 members to 900 members in each group. I am trying to organize our Young Adult Christian Endeavor here and I can say that it is really promising to see some of these groups flourishing."

November 23-25 this group celebrated the coming of Christian Endeavor to the islands with three days' activities — Bible study, singing, and discussions.

MARYLAND UNION 1974-75 officers pictured are (from left) Rev. Thomas Perry, Rev. George Flynn, Mrs. June Lushbaugh, Brenda Stup, George Williams, Mrs. Virginia Humphries, Warren P. E. Smith, Robert Gibson, president, W. Valroy Redick, Roger Boone, Alden E. Imus, and Mrs. Lillian Kinsey.

"Good News, America"

The American Bible Society is entering the nation's bicentennial era with this new slogan — "Good News, America!" — a theme designed to relate the Scriptures to the nation's 200th birthday celebration.

"The best news is that the entire Bible in the Today's English Version will be published in 1976," asserted the Rev. Dr. Laton E. Holmgren, general secretary, recently. "This bicentennial Bible will be the Society's gift to America on its 200th anniversary and may well be the publication event of the decade."

When the New Testament was published in the Today's English Version in 1966, it zoomed right to the top of the best seller list and remained on that list for four years. It is now the best selling paperback in history, having taken that place in 1971.

Encouraged by this skyrocketing success, a team of scholars headed by Dr. Robert G. Bratcher, research associate of the American Bible Society, began translation of the Old Testament in the Today's English Version in 1967.

The "Good News Bible" is expected to exceed the distribution record of "Good News for Modern Man," the popular name for the Today's English Version New Testament. For all those who cannot afford even the miniscule nonprofit cost of the entire "Good News Bible," the Society plans to distribute Good News Scriptures, where needed, without charge, to the helpless, the homeless, the hopeless.

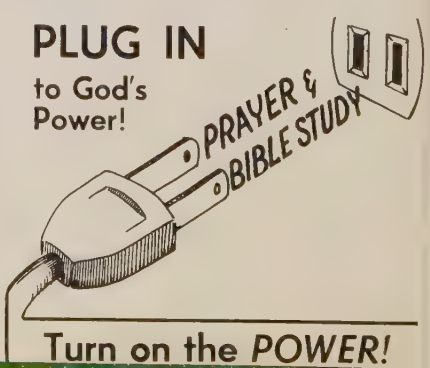
Through "Good News, America!" the Bible Society, in partnership with local church and thousands of volunteers, will participate in a town-to-town, home-to-home Scripture sharing program, bringing the Word of God to every man, woman and child.

"Good News, America!" was launched by the American Bible Society last June, with the presentation and special distribution of a Good News pioneer Scripture Selection at Harrodsburg, Kentucky (Fort Harrod), America's first settlement west of the Alleghenies.

"Good News, America!" is now being extended by the Society along the banks of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. This massive distribution of special Good News Scriptures is designed to commemorate the trip made by a great religious pioneer, Samuel Mills, more than a century and half ago, to assess the need for Scriptures among the new settlers in the Ohio and Mississippi river basins.

"Good News, America!" will be a massive and prolonged effort to put the Scriptures in the hands of every man, woman and child in the nation — in a language each one can read and understand.

"It will truly be good news for America," Dr. Holmgren said, "when the Scriptures are in the hands of the new readers, the elderly, the children, migrant workers, the poor, the mentally and physically handicapped, as well as everyone who needs a higher-than-human support in this age of anxiety."



Gift Bible Changes Country Singer's Career

By Clarence E. Duncan

A little over six years ago, a Texas girl named Rhonda Riley was working as a secretary to a would-be music producer in Nashville, dreaming of a singing career.

One weekend she was asked to stay late and try her hand at singing a new song called "Harper Valley P.T.A." By Wednesday of the next week, Jeannie (that's her other name) C. Riley's fame and fortune were on the way. The girls who worked in the office building with her were buzzing about the new hit and new star, never dreaming that their fellow office worker *was* Jeannie C. Riley.

After recording her hit song in June, 1968, Jeannie racked up just about every award possible in the recording business. She was the first country music female to break the television barrier, and headlined in every major night club in America. Jeannie was definitely a show-biz success.

In the course of being a show-biz success by all standards, she lost her husband and was physically and spiritually exhausted. She was miserable and unhappy with life in general.

On Sundays, back home in Anson, Texas, Jeannie attended church with her family. "My grandpa was a Nazarene preacher for 50 years. I always thought of him as Moses, I guess, sent to lead the Stephenson family out of the wilderness of sin." But Jeannie never fully accepted God's plan about which her grandad preached so fervently.

Ultimately, she entered the hospital to combat exhaustion. Her sister, Helen Scott, gave her a copy of *The Living Bible* modern English paraphrase by Kenneth Taylor. It was a combination birthday and get-well gift.

"I would have preferred an exciting gothic novel, since I had tried reading the Bible before without much luck. But when my sister gave me this *Living Bible*, she asked me to read the book of John and I did. After an hour or so of reading, I felt wonderful! I had a Bible I could understand. This was so plain a child could read and understand it."

When she left the hospital, Jeannie realized that she had never really trusted the Lord. When she did that, everything began to change. She and daughter Kim got active in Forest Hills Baptist Church in Nashville. She attributes her new joy and new life to reading *The Living Bible* and hearing the word of her preacher. "Giving my life to Jesus was the best move I ever made," she declares.

The new Jeannie C. Riley doesn't even dress the same anymore. She isn't comfortable in a mini-skirt, preferring clothes that look modest, yet very feminine.

But she's still outspoken. Her family remembers that she always said what she thought. "I can't help that," she said. "I just hope the Lord can use my spoken witness and that I'll always be willing to speak up for Him."

Clarence E. Duncan is a widely read religion writer and is a contributing editor to many Southern Baptist publications.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Thousands of youth and their leaders throughout the world will observe the 94th birthday of Christian Endeavor during Christian Endeavor Week January 26-February 2, 1975. The theme for this year's observance is "POWER TO BECOME" (the biennial theme) with John 1:12 as the key Scripture.

Through the Junior and Youth Resource Packets, party plans and program ideas have been sent to thousands of societies. Christian Endeavor Week packets containing these party plans and program ideas are available upon request through the International Society of Christian Endeavor free of charge.

Plan now to celebrate Christian Endeavor Week and then report your activities on the handy report forms provided so we can share what you did with other youth groups around the world.

1975 Christian Youth Witness Program

Christian Endeavor's 1975 Christian Youth Witness Program offers the Albert H. Diebold Awards for individuals and societies—$1,325 in cash and grants for youth to attend the 53rd International Convention in Portland, Oregon, plus award plaques and honor certificates.

For the 19th year the awards are named in honor of Albert H. Diebold, a Christian layman of New York City who died in 1969. Through his generous financial support, continued through the Diebold Foundation, this program has been made possible.

Many youth and Christian Endeavor societies will be completing their projects during Christian Endeavor Week to meet the February 15, 1975, deadline for entries. Winners will be announced Tuesday, April 8, 1975.

A "COOL" Quiet Hour

There is a new daily devotional book from Tyndale House which is "COOL." It tells a "kid" how to live. This unique devotional book contains a Bible reading for each day taken from THE LIVING BIBLE which comes alive to youth through the Junior High School age level. Beautifully illustrated with 246 pictures it contains many fun facts with space for a brief daily diary, prayer requests, and birthday reminders. The title is "COOL."

For youth in Senior High School and older "IN TOUCH" is the contemporary daily devotional book which will come alive day by day. The daily Bible readings from THE LIVING BIBLE and contemporary pictures will help young people begin the day with God and share Him with their fellow teen-agers.

Secure copies of COOL or IN TOUCH from the International Society of Christian Endeavor and help youth keep the Quiet Hour. Single copies of each are $2.95; ten copies or more to one address, $2.75 each.

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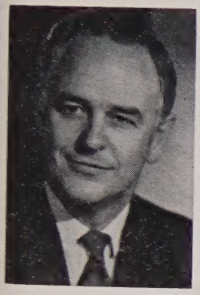

Essen in Retrospect

By Dr. LaVerne H. Boss, President
International Society of Christian Endeavor

Usually the enthusiasm, inspiration, and feeling of cohesiveness or oneness in Christ fades after an exciting convention. You and I have attended religious activities and even Christian Endeavor activities at local, state or provincial, or even the international level, and for some reason the impact usually diminishes or fades away. However, the glow of Essen still burns brightly in my life and my heart and I would like to review in a somewhat personal way the impact of the 17th World's Convention.

Commitment is always a key word in Christian living. The commitment I observed of fellow Christian Endeavorers to Jesus Christ and their willingness to sacrifice to support not only Christian Endeavor, but also their total denominational and local church program, was an inspiration to me. In fact, I found myself reflecting on my own personal dedication, challenged again and again by Christian Endeavorers from around the world.

My complacency, my selfishness, my self-satisfied attitude, and my own personal desires frequently interfere with my responsibilities to Christ and the Church. As your international president, I didn't "measure up" as well as I should against the all-important standard of Jesus Christ and also the high standards I observed in many of the delegates.

Maybe you didn't go to Essen, but how do you measure up in your Christian life? This may be an opportune time for each of us to enumerate all the blessings that we receive daily from God, and then to review what we return in love to Him. Are you satisfied with your own personal ledger sheet?

Witnessing with enthusiasm is another attribute of a committed Christian. The hundreds and thousands of young people and adults at Essen truly demonstrated the joy in being a Christian. Joy and enthusiasm in being a Christian cannot be hid under a bushel basket. It is a light that continues to burn brightly within the Christian as he uses every opportunity available to spread the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ.

I firmly believe the Essen Convention was used mightily by God to advance His kingdom here upon earth. Christian Endeavor continues to plan events at numerous levels and I certainly hope you and many others will make a major effort to be an active participant. The next International Society Convention is planned for Portland, Oregon, June 30 - July 4, 1975. Why not plan now to attend or, as we have heard many times in past months, "GET OREGONIZED IN '75"!

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Spend one week attending the 53rd International Christian Endeavor Convention; enjoy side trips to Mt. Hood, the Columbia River Gorge, Bonneville Dam, the Western Forestry Center, and the world-famous International Rose Test Gardens. You will enjoy the full facilities of beautiful Lewis and Clark College in suburban Portland and an outstanding convention program. The International Society of Christian Endeavor is working with a major air carrier to provide low cost air transportation from the east to the convention and the Great Northwest.

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Following the convention enjoy a week of leisure in Hawaii. Worship with Endeavorers at Kawaiahao Church, swim and ride the outrigger canoe at Waikiki Beach, and enjoy colorful luau.

The International Society is in the process of making these arrangements. Write now for additional information.

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